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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Hisatsugu KURITA et al.

Title:

SILICON WAFER CLEANING METHOD

Appl. No.:

10/645,911

Appl. Filing Date:

08/22/2003

Examiner:

Michail Kornakov

Art Unit:

1746

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) **TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:
 - [X]Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on November 16, 2005.
 - Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on but not [] considered.
 - Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on

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- b. Enclosed are:
- [] Amendment/Reply.
- [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- [] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [] Form PTO-1449 with copies of ____ listed reference(s).
- [] Other.

Miscellaneous:

[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For	Exti Pres	ra Claims sent		Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$790.00	=	\$790.00
Total Claims:	10	-	20	= 0		x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	2	-	3	= 0		x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
First p	resentation o	f any	Multiple D	epender	nt Claims:	+	\$360.00	=	\$0.00
					CLAIMS	FEE	TOTAL:	-	\$790.00

[X] Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[X]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	\$120.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00	\$0.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00	\$0.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00	\$0.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00	\$0.00			
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:					
	\$0.00					
	\$120.00					
	\$910.00					
[]] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):					
_[]	[] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)					
	TO	TAL FEE:	\$910.00			

- [] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- [X] A check in the amount of \$910.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 12/19/05

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